

FISCAL NOTE

HB 473 - SB 1872

January 18, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires public libraries to equip any computer with internet access, which is available for use by children under the age of 18, with a filtering system or a filtered internet service provider. The general assembly shall not provide funding to any public library in non-compliance of this provision.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$154,875 One-Time
\$297,000 Recurring**

| <u>Size of Library</u> | <u>Software Costs</u> | <u>Installation Costs</u> | <u>Yearly Monitoring/ Configuring Costs</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Metropolitan (4 networked systems) | \$24,000 | \$31,875 | \$153,000 | \$208,875 |
| Level V/Large (300 PCs; some networked) | 24,000 | 7,500 | 36,000 | 67,500 |
| Small/Medium (900 PCs) | <u>45,000</u> | <u>22,500</u> | <u>108,000</u> | <u>175,500</u> |
| Total | <u>\$93,000</u> | <u>\$61,875</u> | <u>\$297,000</u> | <u>\$451,875</u> |

Estimate assumes the impact on public libraries to be the following:

1. *Initial purchase of filtering software for each PC.* Metropolitan library systems with multiple branches most often use a computer network with one or more servers at a central location. The type of filtering software available for these systems differs in cost from filtering software purchased for separate PCs in smaller libraries.
2. *Installation of filters.* Assumes a cost of \$25 per PC for a technology expert to install. Most public libraries in Tennessee do not have technology experts on staff.

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3. *On-going monitoring/configuring of filters.* Assumes a technology expert would spend approximately one hour per month per PC adjusting configurations and monitoring the filters. At approximately \$10 an hour, this would be a recurring cost encountered every year the filter is in place.
4. *Upgrades.* Filtering systems require upgrading annually in order to keep up with changes in technology. Upgrades for large networks are approximately \$1,000. Others range from \$5 to \$100.

Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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